

SHANGHAI EDITORIAL FLAYS RIGHT-DEVIATIONISTS

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[WEN HUI PAO 15 April editorial: "Down With Right-Deviationist Splittism"]

[Text] Right-deviationist splittism is a means used by the handful of class enemies in waging a counterrevolutionary struggle against us, and is one of the most dangerous things in the current movement. The people who incite right-deviationist splittism invariably direct the spearhead of struggle at the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao, with Vice Chairman Lin as the deputy chief.

Adopting a policy of infiltration, these people have used their followers to carry out sabotage activities among the revolutionary ranks, vainly attempting to divide the proletarian headquarters, divide the PLA, and divide the newborn revolutionary committees, and to write off in a single day the achievements of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the great proletarian cultural revolution.

The right-deviationist splittist activities and the right-deviationist evil wind of reversing correct decisions in society echo each other and meet the needs of a handful of capitalist-roaders, renegades, and special agents, for achieving their aim of reversing the correct decisions so that they can stage a comeback. This is a counterrevolutionary adverse current. The people who incite splittism in the organs of the dictatorship of the proletariat are out-and-out representatives of the bourgeoisie and the agents of the Kuomintang reactionaries. Our struggle against this handful of bourgeois conspirators and careerists is a life-and-death battle in the struggle between the two classes, two roads, and two lines.

All the people who incite right-deviationist splittism are counterrevolutionary double-dealers. They are devils in human form. To their superiors they conceal everything, while to their subordinates they resort to deception. They use nice language in your presence while stirring up trouble behind your back. They invariably hoist red flags to oppose the red flag. To deceive the people and to facilitate their counter-revolutionary activities, they constantly appear as real or ultraleft revolutionaries. In dealing with the handful of people who hoist red flags to oppose the red flag, we must maintain high vigilance in every work department, be good at distinguishing between the elements who pretend to support the revolution but actually oppose the revolution, and purge them from every front, so as to defend the great victories past and future.

What is worthy of attention is that those counterrevolutionary doubledealers, bourgeois conspirators, and careerists, in carrying out their splittist activities, will invariably go all-out to incite sectarianism and mountain-stronghold mentality. Within their spheres of influence, they will form cliques to pursue personal interests by resorting to the tactic: He who follows me will survive and he who opposes me will perish. In this way they build their own "independent kingdoms."

Splittism, sectarianism, and mountain-stronghold mentality are forms of egoism. They are nonproletarian ideologies; they are those of the exploiting classes and of the bourgeoisie. These ideologies are at variance with communist ideologies and with the proletarian party spirit, and run counter to Marxism and Mao Tse-tung's thought; they are in opposition to communism and the party, and undermine unity. Such ideologies endanger--in proportion to their seriousness--communism, weaken the unity of the party, disintegrate our forces, and bring losses to our revolutionary cause. Therefore, we must thoroughly strike down splittism.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "All counterrevolutionary forces are influenced by their class nature to always think highly of themselves and to despise the revolutionary forces. They invariably overestimate their own strength and underestimate our strength. They lift up a rock to crush their own feet. Once the revolutionary masses of people see through their true features with Mao Tse-tung's thought they will certainly be overthrown. All those who engage in right-deviationist splittism cannot avoid an ignominious end.

The great practice of the great proletarian cultural revolution and its positive and negative lessons have taught us the truth--we must firmly grasp the general orientation of struggle, consistently direct the spearhead of struggle against the handful of renegades, special agents, and diehard capitalist-roaders; this general orientation of struggle must be maintained at all times; we will commit mistakes if we depart from this general orientation and we will meet with setbacks if we move a step from this general orientation. Therefore, we must grasp firmly the general orientation of the struggle, follow closely Chairman Mao's great strategic plan, and wrest an overall victory in the proletarian cultural revolution.

All proletarian revolutionaries unite, resolutely beat back the right-deviationist evil wind of reversing correction decisions, strike down right-deviationist conservative thinking, strike down right-deviationist splittism, strike down right-deviationist capitulationism!